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North Korean Army Battalion

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1. an unidentified North Korean army (NKA) battalion consisting of about 300 men and commanded by a senior captain was stationed in the P'anjong-ni area (N 38-02, E 125-08) (XC 8711). The principal duty of the battalion was felling trees for use as troop housing and bunkers. They transported logs by truck and boat to Sogang-dong (N 37-53, E 125-09) (XB 8995) and to the islands of Kirin (N 37-49, E 125-02) (XB 7987), Ch'angnin (N 37-48, E 125-10) (XB 9185), and Sunwi (N 37-42, E 125-14) (XB 9774). Six to thirteen trucks were in use constantly. These trucks were smaller than the American standard six-by-six, and had high wooden tailgates marked with a letter of the Korean alphabet followed by numbers.
2. The battalion troops were not permitted in civilian houses without the permission of the owners. The troops were saving rice and their newly issued uniforms for the future. Weapons other than small arms were not observed. The majority of the troops had medals for front-line service. The NKA troops said that the ROK forces were not to be taken lightly because they were highly skilled in enveloping maneuvers. The NKA troops also stated that although the NKA had already won a great victory, there would be an even greater victory in the future.

North Korean Police Battalion

3. In October the headquarters of an unidentified North Korean Police battalion was at Hanam-dong (N 38-01, E 125-09) (XC 8909). One company with about 100 men was stationed at Tumu-dong (N 38-01, E 125-07) (XC 8609), and a platoon of the company was at Huktup'o (N 38-03, E 125-07) (XC 8613). The men guarded the nearby coastal area at night and chopped wood for their winter quarters during the day. The majority of the men were former soldiers who had completed their term of service. The men were equipped with small arms and there was one light machine gun per squad. The battalion had no organic transportation.

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North Korean Navy Patrol Boat

4. A North Korean Navy fifty horsepower patrol boat was at Huktup'o and patrolled the coast as far as Yonmip'o (N 38-01, E 125-06) (XC 8409). The boat was 50 to 60 feet in length and was equipped with a Maxim machine gun and an anti-aircraft machine gun. The leader, who was not captain of the craft, wore rank insignia of three stars. During a storm [] the boat was washed ashore. 25X1 While ashore, the leader, in conversations with local civilians, said the boat had left Chinnamp'o in early [] with five other similiar craft of approximately the same type. Of the five boats, one was stationed at Kumi-ri (N 38-04, E 125-01) (XC 7715), two at Sogang-dong, one at Sunwi-do, and one at Haeju (N 38-02, E 125-42) (YC 3713).

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